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March 24, 1971

Mr. Benjamin Lim  
Environmental Protection Agency  
Crystal Mall Plaza  
Arlington, Virginia

Dear Mr. Lim:

**RE: Rohm and Haas-Whitmoyer Presentation  
to Environmental Protection Agency**

Transmitted herewith by messenger are three sets of documents bound in a notebook entitled, "Presentation to the Environmental Protection Agency, U. S. Government, by Rohm and Haas Company and Whitmoyer Laboratories, Inc., re Disposal at Sea of Latter's Industrial Wastes Containing Arsenic Residues." I refer you to the table of contents for an outline of the scope of our presentation.

This presentation constitutes our endeavor to respond to the questions and suggestions made by you and your colleagues at your meeting with us in Philadelphia on March 17th.

We believe that the facts presented establish -

1. That all concerned state, regional and federal agencies were either informed directly by us or indirectly through other agencies of the contemplated ocean disposal of the arsenic wastes prior to the initiation of this disposal program and subsequently.
2. That Rohm and Haas Company and Whitmoyer Laboratories, Inc. have acted responsibly in initiating and carrying out this method of disposal and, most importantly, in assuming that the concerned government agencies concurred in our assessment that the procedure followed in disposing of these wastes was from every relevant point of view the best of any alternative and that the wastes as deposited in the ocean were not toxic to any marine life and caused no ecological harm.

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3. That the continued disposal of these wastes in essentially the manner that has been followed will cause no damage to marine life or any harm to the ecology of the Atlantic Ocean and should, therefore, be permitted.

You are aware of the very limited time available to us to carry out the understanding of Judge Van Artsdalen of the Federal District Court for the Eastern District of Pennsylvania that we would present all relevant information to you and obtain your favorable assessment of the disposal procedures which are the subject of a complaint and request for an injunction in a civil action pending in his court.

We stand ready to answer any questions which you may have, in this matter and to meet with you at any time to supply any additional information which you may require and which it may be in our power to present. We would appreciate it if you will please acknowledge receipt of this letter and of the three sets of our presentation by signing the attached duplicate original of this letter.

Very truly yours,

ROHM AND HAAS COMPANY

D. W. Kenny  
Vice President

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CC: Mr. Gus J. Bennett  
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Date: March 24, 1971

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